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Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action of April 2, 2008. The extended period for response expires on October 2, 2008. The Director is authorized to charge the \$555.00 (small entity) extension of time fee to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, Deposit Account No. 11-0600..

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